

**Bedford Council on Aging
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 11, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM.

2. Attendance:

Board: John Gerdes, Polly Salter, Luigi DiNapoli, Bobbie Ennis, Mary Pine

Staff: Lori Wittner.

Selectman: William Moonan

Visitors: L. Putney, A. Colonaro, R. Terenzoni

3. Pete Malo is still in rehab so there was no clerk. Lori Wittner volunteered to take notes for this meeting.

4. The minutes of the April 9 meeting were accepted as submitted.

5. Financial Report:

Continue to be in good shape.

The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon took place at the end of May and \$1,058 was spent from the budget. A scholarship was set up through the CSF in memory of former board member Cindy Rider. A student by the name of Joe Gallagher was the recipient this year. He is said to have many of the same outgoing qualities as Cindy.

5. Supporting Organization Reports:

FBCOA:

John Gerdes suggested that this report be taken out of the COA Board meeting, stating that it is not really a subcommittee. Bill Moonan pointed out that it seems pertinent since the FBCOA supports COA programming but perhaps this item on the agenda should be called "reports from other organizations".

The ultrasonic cleaner that was funded by the FBCOA was received and cost less than previously expected. John stated that the cleaning fluid is an expense but that it is important as the clock repair business has increased. In fact, they spend a significant amount of time working on clocks and are considering raising the cost of this service. The Fix It Shop will be closing today for the summer, although watch battery repair will continue.

The Trip Chair position for the FBCOA remains vacant as the person who was appointed has not done any trips. Election of officers will be in September.

Minuteman Senior Services:

Protective Services made a presentation at the May meeting. They reported contacts had been made by or on behalf of 35 seniors in Bedford in the last year. At the June meeting, they reported more funding for Homecare and Protective Services than what had been proposed in the Governor's budget. Programming is being planned to acknowledge the "Year of Elder Abuse Prevention Program" (YEAP) which is a national initiative. A 3-month pilot program at Lahey Burlington is going to be implemented as a follow up to the medical partnership formed in order to reduce re-admissions. MMSS staff will be on-site 15 hours per week to assist with discharge planning.

6. Old business:

A reminder was made about the FBCOA fundraiser at the Chateau Restaurant today.

Bobbie informed the group that former board member George Dalrymple had his 2nd leg removed.

Baby Boomer programming - a discussion was held about possible marketing issues in connection to trying to draw in the "boomer" generation. Bill suggested doing a survey of all residents between the ages of 55-69 to see what they are interested in.

An update was given on the status of Pete Malo. He is still in rehab and plans to resign from the board due to his health. A card will be sent from the board.

7. New business.

Nomination of officers was opened to the board. John proposed a reorganization of the board to include term limits. Bill described the process that the Selectmen use in which there is a rotation of board positions. A motion was made to table this discussion until the openings on the board are filled (hopefully by next meeting in September). The motion to postpone this discussion was moved 4-1.

Emergency Meeting: a discussion arose regarding the May 21 meeting that was called to reaffirm the COA Saturday hours. Many who attended that meeting felt that it was not necessary. The policy was

reiterated once again today. A question about the food regulations was also raised again and a reminder was made that any questions about the enforcement of these regulations should be addressed by the Board of Health. A suggestion was made to have the BOH publish an official statement in the COA newsletter in order to explain the specific requirements.

8. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 12:15 PM, 10 September 2013.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.